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NOW SURE, BUT HEAVENLY.
 I can remember when a club,
 If it had only been a spade,
 Might have made of me—poor
 As a kind a man as ever played;
 And oh, those "birds" that lacked
 Those "jacks" I nearly had of old.
 Those "kings" that nearly lost the
 Give me these cards I almost hold!
 If Jones had taken one card less,
 If Brown had taken one card more—
 I would have had a flush, I guess.
 Or else a pair of fours.

If I had sailed; If I had drawn;
If I had stayed as bats were swelled,
Perhaps I might have happened on

I have few things to beg of Fate,
But if I had to make my choice
And ask a boon, however great—
I'd lift my left and modest voice
And wish—no, not for gear or gold—
Not thus my dream or joy is spoiled—
But only for the chance to hold
Those poker hands I almost held!
—Barton Braley, in Fuck.

How living are the dead!
Enshrined, but not apart,
How safe within the heart!

We hold them still,—our dead,
 Whate'er else be dead!
 Our constancy is deep
 Toward those who sleep.
 Forgetful of the strain and mortal
 That are so large a part of this our
 earthly life.

They are our very lives;
 From them,—from them alone
 Nothing can us estrange—
 Nor blight autumnal; no, nor wintry
 The midnight moments keep
 A place for gloom; and though we wake
 To weep,
 They are beside us; still, in joy, in
 Every crucial hour, they come again,
 Angels from above—
 Bearing the gifts of blessings and of
 love—
 Until shadowy paths they lonely
 trod
 Become for us the path that upward
 leads to God.
 —Florence Earle Coates, in Harper's
 Magazine.

PICCADILLY.

Beautiful, tragical faces,
 Ye thinkers whole, and are so
 sunken
 And, O ye vile, ye that might have
 been
 That are so sadder and drunken,

O wistful, fragile faces, few out of

many;
The cross, the coarse, the brasen,
God knows I cannot pity them, per-
haps, as I should do.
But, oh, ye delicate, wistful faces,
Who batten forth on forgotten you?
—Ezra Pound.

VIEWS AND VARIETIES

Clever Sayings

Friend—So your son has left col-
lege. What is he in? Pater—Debt—
Boston Transcript.

Hobbs—Scribner has had no less
than nine plays rejected. Sibbbs—
What is the name of the play? Hobbs—Writing
anays on the decline of the drama.
—Philadelphia Record.

Nephew (as uncle is falling over precipice)—I say, uncle, stop yelling.

and think of me! This will land me in a fearful hole, you know. Everybody would be sure to leave me. I don't want anybody'll believe I tried to save you.—A. A. P.

A Scotch student, supposed to be deficient in judgement, was asked by a professor, in the course of his examination, to give a brief dissertation on "By the questions he would ask" was the prompt and highly suggestive reply.—Tit-Bits.

The mother of Achilles dipped him in the magic stream. "He can boast of being cold-bathed," he would brag to his comrades. However, they always heard him "holler" when he

Acquaintance—Mudge, you look tired.

still holding that job in the department store. Young Father—Well, I have been, in a sort of a way. I'm a court-jumper in the daytime and a floor-walker at night. "I don't know what to make of my husband," said Mrs. Jason. "He left his umbrella in the rack last night when he went to bed and he left it there all day long." "Umbrella?" "Yes, of course it is; but Mr. Jason hadn't left it there in three years before."—Buffalo Express.

"My husband is just awful when he wants to find anything. You never saw a man throw clothes around the way he does." "Where did he learn to be so ugly?" "At the custom house for four years."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"What the land needs is an era of economy in the use of money." "Yes, but I don't agree with me!"

"Certainly, but—er—" "Well?"
"Would you mind going home past my
apartment and telling my wife about it?"

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—Houston Post.

MUCH IN LITTLE

The president of a steel-rolling plant in Northern Japan has offered to provide a house for a missionary and to equip him for the work of evangelizing his 6,000 employees.

Chinese projectors of the railway into the interior from Amoy are raising capital for the road's extension by subscriptions among wealthy Chinese in Java. The road built so far was largely by capital from

Chinese in Dutch East Indies.

A municipal councilor of Cebu has introduced a proposal to tax all dogs in the city. The proposal has not met with popular approval. A large number of the councilors have already written him threatening to make things unpleasant for him if he persists.

According to Consul G. B. Kilmaster the export of Australian coal from New South Wales to the Philippines during the month of September shows an increase of 166,756 tons as compared with the same month of last year. The Philippines took 25,442 tons and Pacific coast states 16,254 tons.

A bill has been offered in the Massachusetts legislature extending the term of office of judges from 14 to 15 years. The bill is aimed at the abuses of child labor in mills and the courts it will apply also to stage children. There is to be a hearing on the bill.

At the New Brunswick apple exhibi-

bition in November 150 barrels, 400 boxes and 1,000 plates of apples were shown. The most prominent varieties

The lack of coal production in California is made up by the enormous increase in the production of petroleum, most of which is used for fuel. The production of petroleum in California in 1919 amounted between 55,000,000 and 70,000,000 barrels, which, on the basis of 3.14 barrels of oil for each ton of high-grade coal, would be equal to production of petroleum from 16,000,000 tons of coal in the same year.